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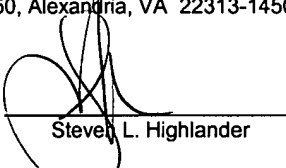
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Re: U.S. Serial No. 10/025,187 Entitled: "A BARDET-BIEDL SUSCEPTIBILITY GENE AND USES THEREOF" by Val Sheffield et al.  
Our Ref. IOWA:034US / Matter No. 10112050

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1. Response to Restriction Requirement Dated September 23, 2003;
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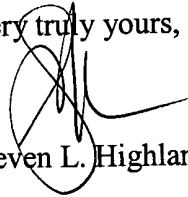
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